

a resolution with Congresswoman NIKI TSONGAS to designate July as Park and Recreation Month. It is a fitting time to celebrate our Federal, State, and local public parks and recreation systems because so many Americans will visit them this summer.

H. Res. 941 recognizes the important role that public parks, recreation facilities, and activities play in the lives of Americans, and the contributions of employees and volunteers who work daily to maintain our public parks and recreation facilities across the Nation.

As a lifelong resident of rural Pennsylvania and an avid outdoorsman, I strongly support our Nation's park and recreation facilities. Our parks provide countless recreational and educational opportunities for individuals and families to engage in the outdoors.

This resolution simply recognizes and supports Park and Recreation Month and the many benefits that our parks provide to all Americans. Our parks generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community. They pay dividends to communities by attracting businesses and jobs, and increasing housing values. In the United States, public park operations and capital spending generate nearly \$140 million in economic activity annually.

Ninety percent of people in the United States agree that public park recreation facilities and activities are important government services, a figure that displays a base of support that spans across all people in the country regardless of race, income, gender, or political party affiliation. Nearly 75 percent of Americans agree that it is important to ensure that all members of their community have equitable access to public parks and recreation facilities.

The most economically sound communities are those with ample and healthy public park and recreation facilities and activities. In fact, a key factor in business expansion and location decisions is the quality of life for employees, with a premium placed on adequate and accessible public parks and open space.

Madam Speaker, public parks and recreation facilities foster a variety of activities that contribute to a healthier society. People who use public parks and open space are three times more likely to achieve recommended levels of physical activity than nonusers.

Americans living within a 10-minute walk of a park have a higher level of physical activity and lower rates of obesity. Recreation programs in public parks provide children with a safe place to play, access to healthy foods, opportunities to be physically active, and enrichment facilities that help prevent at-risk behavior, such as drug use and gang involvement.

As schools recess for summer break, scores of Americans will visit public parks and recreation facilities to spend time outdoors with family, friends, and

neighbors. We are blessed with beautiful outdoor facilities.

It is my hope that all Americans get out and enjoy the parks in their areas. They are tremendous community treasures.

ZERO TOLERANCE EQUALS ZERO HUMANITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. POCAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about a trip I did on Sunday to the United States southern border in Texas to visit the processing centers and detention facilities that we are using to enforce the zero-tolerance policy that the President has put forth, the zero-tolerance policy that apparently means zero humanity.

It is a policy that is cruel, inhumane, and un-American, and I want to share my firsthand observations with the American people about this.

First of all, it is a cruel policy. We are separating mothers and fathers, parents from their children, brothers from their sisters, across the border as people come into the United States.

I can tell you that when children are taken away from their parents, sometimes they are told a lie of why. Sometimes they are just taken away. There are no questions asked of the parents about the children: Do they have an allergy? Have they ever been abused? Do they have any diseases? The basic questions that you would ask, if you didn't have a cruel policy, aren't asked. So you are essentially separating the parents from their children without any information whatsoever.

I talked to mothers at the ICE detention facility, and we asked about the situations, if they knew where their children were. One woman pulled out a little slip of paper that said where her children were, as if she knows New York, as if the other mothers knew Florida. It is not like the children are held in the next room, in the next building, in the next city, but they are being held several States away.

One woman told us that she was told that her children would be put up for adoption. Another woman told us that she would be released and eventually her 9-year-old daughter held by herself in New York would be released.

The policy is inhumane. People are being held in cages. And anyone who wants to contest that, come to my backyard and I will show you the dog run in my backyard that is made of the same material and the same construction, only with shorter walls than the cages that we are holding people in, in the processing center.

There are no pillows. You have a mat. There are no toys for children. Then I visited the Walmart Supercenter where we have 1,500 10- to 17-year-old boys held in a Walmart Supercenter where the sleeping space is 6 by 10. Even though it is a little larger room with six or eight beds, it is a 6 by 10 allocation.

I have done work with supermax prisons when I was in the State legislature. A supermax prison cell is 8 by 12. That is 40 percent less than a supermax prison cell. You get outside 2 hours a day. In a supermax prison, you get out about an hour a day. This is wrong.

Parents don't often know the status of how their children are doing. When we were set up to interview one woman, she hadn't even seen her 13-year-old daughter in 2 days. This is un-American.

We are taking the points of entry that are legal points of entry, and we are making it impossible to get into the United States. So what happens is you either go back into Mexico where you can get kidnapped by a cartel and extorted for money from relatives in the U.S., or if you don't want to get kidnapped, you cross illegally across the river, and then you get detained under the zero-tolerance policy. And that is why we have this situation.

But the bottom line is, Donald Trump did not do anything, nor did this Congress, to actually fix the situation. Donald Trump finally caved to enormous public pressure, saying he will no longer separate children and parents, but he won't fix the 2,300 children who are currently separated at all. That is not in the executive order.

We don't have the facilities to deal with this. Again, because of this policy change, in 6 weeks, the population of the detention center at Walmart, which I refer to as the supermax prison, went from 500 to 1,500 in 6 weeks. You can't make that process work.

Everything I saw shows the President did this without any thought, and because no thought was put into it, people are treated thoughtlessly through the process.

Ultimately, the President did this for one reason: he wants to force Congress to put up an unneeded and unnecessary wall at the border, and he will do anything and use anyone to get what he wants.

This Congress today has a couple of bills up that will not deal with this issue. We need to act. This is a cruel, inhumane, un-American policy.

This is a Trump policy, and if we don't act, we are also complicit in the horrors that are happening.

RECOGNIZING CONWELL-EGAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a high school in our community that has demonstrated its commitment to safe-driving practices.

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School, my alma mater, recently won the 11th Annual Bucks County High School Seatbelt Safety Challenge. Of 19 participating schools, Conwell-Egan had the highest percentage of students who

wore seatbelts, at 97 percent. Conwell-Egan also had the largest jump from students not wearing seatbelts to those wearing them, rising 9 percent from the fall.

This impressive accomplishment would not be possible without the hard work of several key students in promoting safe driving initiatives. They are Robert Phinn, Todd Hartman, and Emma Kirby, who worked under the guidance of a dedicated faculty member, in particular, faculty member Josh Beauchamp.

I commend these individuals for their work in encouraging safety and accountability throughout Bucks County, and for making alumni like myself very proud.

OPIOID CRISIS

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, as our Nation continues to grapple with the opioid crisis, I am proud to be working in a bipartisan fashion with my colleagues to advance necessary legislation to fight drug abuse and addiction in our communities.

Just as impactful as treatment and sound policy in fighting this public health crisis is a personal touch to provide comfort and motivation to those struggling. And that is what Marti Hottenstein and her Bucks County charity gives to homeless individuals in our area.

How to Save a Life Foundation, based in Warminster, was started by Marti to honor the life of her son, Karl, who tragically passed away from a drug overdose in 2006 after he was denied treatment.

Today, Marti and volunteers from How to Save a Life Foundation pass out food, toiletries, and treatment resources to those struggling from addiction in our community, who, in many instances, have nowhere else to turn.

I applaud Marti and all of the volunteers of How to Save a Life Foundation for their good deeds and dedication to ending addiction and the stigma that often comes with it. Together, we can and must put an end to the opioid crisis.

CONGRATULATING MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Montgomery County Senior Softball League, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in Hatfield Township, Pennsylvania, on Saturday.

The league, founded by Vic Zoldy of Souderton, serves to provide recreational opportunities to individuals over 60 years of age. To date, it has grown to an organization with 16 teams and close to 200 players. It has become so popular over time that there is now a waiting list to join the league.

In addition to Vic, there are several other players who have played each year since its inaugural season including: Ray Forlano, 80 years old, of Warwick; and Angelo Malizia, 90 years old, from Harleysville.

I am proud of the commitment that these people in this league have, the

Montgomery County Senior Softball League. I am proud of the camaraderie that they add to our community, recognizing the importance of staying active.

To Vic, Ray, and Angelo, I look forward to taking the field with you in 2034.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 29 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Alexander Campbell, South Carolina State Guard, Anderson, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

God, we bless You this week as we celebrate the anniversary of the Great Seal of the United States, adopted by this august assembly on June 20, 1782. On the front of that seal, a shield of red symbolizing hardiness and valor; white standing for purity and innocence; and blue representing vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The back of the Great Seal shows a pyramid, a symbol of strength and duration. Above that pyramid is a triangle containing the eye of providence. Your eye, God, watching over us, with the inscription, "God has favored our undertakings."

Therefore, God, we ask that You favor the undertakings of this great House by strengthening it to fulfill the noble symbols of the Great Seal in accomplishing the continued building of our great Nation guided by the God in whom we trust.

I pray this prayer in the name of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GENE GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome our guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Alexander S. Campbell, "Alex" to those who love him. He is of Christ Reformed Church in Anderson, South Carolina.

In 2007, Dr. Campbell and his family moved from Columbia, South Carolina, to Anderson to become the senior pastor of Christ Reformed Church and have faithfully served the community of Anderson, South Carolina.

Dr. Campbell received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University—Go Tigers—in 1985, his master's of divinity from Columbia International University in 2001, and his doctorate of ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2015. In addition, Dr. Campbell is a chaplain in the South Carolina State Guard, where he faithfully serves, and he is wearing his uniform today.

Dr. Campbell is married to his wonderful wife, Nancy, and has four adult children—Zan, Meg, McBryde, and Ian—some of whom are joining us in the gallery for this special moment.

I am proud to join Dr. Campbell on the floor of the people's House and thank him for his service to his God, his country, and his community. May God continue to bless him and his family, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.